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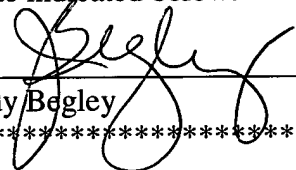
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement issued September 27, 2004, Applicant elects the claims of Group I (which the Examiner states are Claims 1, 24, 114, 136, 178, 220, 304, 329, 377, 398, 438, 476, and 498) drawn to an information management system and classified in class 705, subclasses 28 and 1, for prosecution without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

Applicant notes that all of the claims identified by the Examiner as belonging to Group I are independent claims. It is submitted that the claims that are dependent to these independent claims should also be included in the group of elected claims. Furthermore, the Restriction Requirement fails to mention independent Claims 540 and 565, which are believed (along with their dependent claims) to also fall in Group I. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Group I

claims elected for prosecution are Claims 1-46, 114-157, 178-261, 304-353, 377-418, 438-460, and 476-585.

Also, Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on January 30, 2004. The Office Action mailed September 27, 2004 did not include an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider and return an initialed copy of the January 30, 2004 form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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